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## STATE TREASURER KROLICKI REMINDS NEVADANS OF FREE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SEARCHES

(Carson City, Nevada) – Today, State Treasurer Brian K. Krolicki alerted Nevada's residents to telephone solicitations involving fees for finding unclaimed Treasurer Krolicki is the administrator of Nevada's Unclaimed Property program.

An out-of-state company has been targeting several states recently, including Nevada, to notify them that they may have unclaimed property. The company asks for \$25 in order to claim these funds. If you send them the money, all you will receive in return is the name, address and phone number of the State Treasurer's office.

"I want to be sure that all Nevadans know that they do not need to pay for these services. The State Treasurer's office enables residents to search for their rightful property for no additional fee," said Treasurer Krolicki. "Residents can check to see if we're holding any property for them by accessing the unclaimed property database at NevadaTreasurer.com, or calling (702) 486-4140 or toll-free (800) 521-0019."

Since the Unclaimed Property program was created in Nevada in 1979, more than \$124 million in unclaimed assets have been turned over to the state. In Fiscal Year 2002, more than \$5.3 million was returned to the rightful owners or that owner's heirs.